



Guide to the Soroptimist International Sierra Nevada Region Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Soroptimist International Sierra Nevada Region
Title:	Soroptimist International Sierra Nevada Region Records
ID:	MS-00848
Date [inclusive]:	1975 to 1998
Physical Description:	0.83 Cubic Feet (2 boxes)
Physical Description:	0.92 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Soroptimist International Sierra Nevada Region Records are comprised of memoranda, newspaper clippings, brochures, and communications from 1975 to 1998. The collection includes information about the Soroptimist International Sierra Nevada Region chapter's involvement with women's rights issues, primarily the Equal Rights Amendment ratification campaign in Nevada and California, as well as national efforts.

Preferred Citation

Soroptimist International Sierra Nevada Region Records, 1975-1998. MS-00848. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Historical Background

Soroptimist International is a women's volunteer organization focused on the improvement of women's lives through social and economic empowerment. The organization provides programs that emphasize access to education as a means to expand social and economic power for women and girls. The name "Soroptimist" loosely translates from Latin as "best for women." The first Soroptimist club was formed in 1921 by eighty women in Oakland, California, who had been barred from joining male service organizations. As of 2017, the Soroptimist International Sierra

Nevada Region represents members in 53 clubs from Sacramento to Yreka, California and all throughout Nevada.

Sources:

"Frequently Asked Questions," *Soroptimist*, accessed July 20, 2017, <http://www.soroptimist.org/whoware/faq.html>.

"About Sierra Nevada Region," *Soroptimist Sierra Nevada Region*, accessed July 20, 2017, <http://soroptimistsnr.org/node/54>.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged topically.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2017 by Dolores M. Laine; accession number 2017-091.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by donor. A rough inventory of the materials was created by Maggie Bukowski in 2017. To prepare the inventory, the described materials were reviewed to create a contents list, estimate dates, and identify material types. No other work has been performed on the materials.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Soroptimist International of Henderson/Green Valley Chapter Records, 1980-2004, MS-00359. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Soroptomists International of Greater Las Vegas, 1968-2000. MS-00443. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Women's rights
- Women in politics -- Nevada
- Women
- Political activism -- Nevada
- Equal rights amendments

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
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Soroptimist Regional Committee communication, memoranda, and brochures, legislative workshop informational packets, Women's Conference report, *The Soroptimist Position: Procedures and Reports*, 1976-1998 box 01

Legislative pamphlets, Equal Rights Amendments (ERA) articles, newspaper and magazine clippings relating to the ERA and the National Organization for Women (N.O.W.), Nevada Women's Conference programs, National Women's Conference programs, 1975-1977 box 02